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## ABBREVIATIONS

NOTE: Source of selection is indicated by the initial or initials in brackets following the imprint.

B ..... Baker. Guide to historical fiction. New York, Macmillan, 1914.

M ..... McGill University. Library. Card catalogue.

N ..... Nield. Guide to the best historical novels and tales. 4th ed. New York, Putman, 1911.

O ..... Ontario library review, ... Toronto, Ontario Dept. of Education, 1916—

R ..... Book review digest. New York, Wilson, H. W., 1905—

U ..... United States catalog ... New York, Wilson, H. W., 1928.

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# PREFACE

THE following list has been compiled with a view to giving a selection of novels which describe events in Canadian history. The selection has been limited so far as possible to events that took place in Canada, and owing to limitations of time and space, the compiler has been obliged to omit pioneer life, an important phase of Canadian history, and writings in French, which it is hoped may later be included in a supplement.

It is regretted that so few books were available for examination. The annotations, which merely place the book in its proper historical period, were taken from the following sources: Baker. Guide to historical fiction; Book review digest; McGill University. Library. Card catalogue; Nield. Guide to the best historical novels and tales; Ontario library review; and the United States catalogue. Since so many of the sources from which these titles were taken omit paging for fiction, it was difficult to secure this information in many cases, so it was decided to omit paging for all titles.

This list was compiled as part of the required work in the course in Reference and Bibliography conducted by Miss Marion V. Higgins, M.A., in the McGill University Library School during the session 1929-30.

# CANADIAN HISTORICAL NOVELS

## LIFE IN FRENCH CANADA, 1541-1745

**Besant,** (Sir) Walter James Rice. Le chien d'or. New York, Doubleday, 1903 [B]
Early days of fur-trading.

**Catherwood,** (Mrs.) Mary Hartwell. The chase of Saint Castin and other stories. Boston, Houghton, 1864. [B]
Seven rapid and strenuous tales of the strife between French, Indians, and English.

**Catherwood,** (Mrs.) Mary Hartwell. The romance of Dollard. New York, Century, 1889. [B, N, M, O, and U]
Dollard with a devoted band of Hurons repulses hordes of Iroquois invading New France. Around this a romance is woven.

**Catherwood,** (Mrs.) Mary Hartwell. The white islander. New York, Century, 1893. [B]
A romance of the old Indian wars.

**Doyle,** (Sir) Arthur Conan. The refugees, a tale of two continents. New York, Harper, 1899. [M and N]
In two volumes. Pt. I is a story of Paris under Louis XIV. Pt. II tells of the escape of Huguenot refugees, their voyage to, and experience in Canada.

**Gibbs,** George Fort. The flame of courage. New York, Appleton, 1926. [N]
A story of love and political intrigue in the time of Vaudreuil and Montcalm.

**Jones,** Henry Bedford. The star woman. New York, Dodd, 1924. [R and U]
A tale of the conflict between English and French to gain control of the fur trade.

**Kirby,** William. The golden dog; a romance of the days of Louis XIV in Quebec. Boston, Knight, 1896. [B, M, and O]
A long historical romance rich in local colour, which is based on a legendary story of early days.

**Laut,** Agnes Christina. Lords of the north. London, Heinemann, 1901. [B and N]
A story illustrating the struggle between the Hudson's Bay Company and the Northwest Company.

**Marquis,** Thomas Guthrie. Marguerite de Roberval. London, Unwin, 1899. [B]
A romance of the days of Jacques Cartier and exploration of Canada.

**Merwin,** Samuel. The road to Frontenac. New York, Doubleday, 1901. [B]
Two French officers and a Jesuit father escort a young lady in Canada and encounter trouble with the Indians.

**Orcutt,** William Dana. Robert Cavelier; a romance of Sieur de la Salle. Chicago, McClurg, 1905 [B]
Characters include Frontenac, Louis XIV, etc. Pictures early life in Montreal and Quebec and the Jesuit struggle for the conquest of Canada.

**Parker,** (Sir) Gilbert. The power and the glory. New York, Harper, 1925. [N]
The scene opens at Quebec when Frontenac is governor, then changes to the court of Louis XIV at Versailles. The last part deals with the explorations of LaSalle on the Mississippi.

**Parker,** (Sir) Gilbert. The trail of the sword. New York, Appleton, 1895. [B]
A tale of the struggle between the French and English, redskin and whiteface, in New France and New England. It gives an account of Pierre Le Moyne's exploit in capturing the British forces on Hudson's Bay.

**Smith,** Alice Prescott. Montlivet. Boston, Houghton, 1906. [B and N]
A novel dealing with early French settlements in Canada, 1695, at the time when Frontenac was governor.

**Smith,** Arthur Douglas Howden. Doom trail. New York, Brentano, 1922. [R]
Deals with the rivalry between Great Britain and France to develop and control the fur trade in the early days of the 17th century.

## CHILDREN'S BOOKS OF LIFE IN FRENCH CANADA

**Catherwood,** (Mrs.) Mary Hartwell. The lady of Fort Saint John. Boston, Houghton, 1892. [B, N and U]
A story of Acadia founded largely on authentic records, when a protegé of Louis XIII besieges the fort of Saint John.

**Catherwood,** (Mrs.) Mary Hartwell. The story of Tonty. Chicago, McClurg, 1904. [B]
Tells of LaSalle and his friend the one-armed Tonty in Texas and Canada.

**Field,** (Mrs.) E. M. Castle Dangerous of Canada. London, Wells Gardener, 1913. [N]
Depicts the time of Count Frontenac and Sir William Phipps' unsuccessful attack on Quebec.

**Green,** Evelyn Everett. French and English. London, Nelson, 1899. [B]
The war in Canada, 1756-9, giving the attack on Louisbourg and the capture of Quebec.

**Henham,** Ernest George. The plowshare and the sword; a tale of empire. London, Cassell, 1903. [N]
A story of Quebec, New England, and Acadia.

**Pollard,** Eliza Francis. A story of France . . . London, Nelson, 1899. [B]
A story of Acadia and France about the year 1645.

## WAR BETWEEN FRENCH AND ENGLISH, 1745-63

**Briton,** E. Vincent. Some account of Amyot Brough . . . wounded at the taking of Quebec and Montreal. London, Seeley, 1885. [B and M]
A great part of the scene of the story is laid in England, but the last part has an excellent account of the taking of Quebec.

**Browne,** George Waldo. With Roger's rangers. Boston, Page, 1906. [B]
A love tale, with the history of the band of wood rangers who fought well in the war between the English colonists and the French.

**Chapman,** Harry James. Lords of Acadia. Boston, Small, 1925. [R]
Tale of the French and Indian wars.

**Crowley,** Mary Catherine. The heroine of the Strait; a romance of Detroit in the time of Pontiac. Boston, Little, 1902. [B]
The plot of the story works in various traditions of how the Pontiac conspiracy was divulged and thwarted.

**Curwood,** James Oliver. The Black Hunter; a tale of old Quebec. New York, Cosmopolitan Book Corporation. 1926. [O and R]
Black Hunter, a mysterious character, moves through the story, which tells of the French attempt to establish a new France.

**Curwood,** James Oliver. The Plains of Abraham. New York, Doubleday, 1928. [R]
A novel of the days of New France, giving the siege of Quebec.

**Gaspé,** Philippe Aubert de. Canadians of old. New York, Appleton, 1890. [B and M]
Quebec, 1757-67. Based, to a large extent, on real characters.

**Haworth,** Paul Leland. The path of glory. Boston, Little, 1911. [B and O]
A story of the conquest of Canada culminating in the Battle of the Plains of Abraham.

**Laut,** Agnes Christina. Heralds of empire; being a story of one Ramsay Stanhope, lieutenant to Pierre Radisson in the northern fur trade. New York, Appleton, 1902. [B]
Radisson's exploits in the Hudson's Bay region fighting the French are recounted.

**McLennan,** William, and McIlwraith, Jean N. The span o' life; a tale of Louisbourg and Quebec. New York, Harper, 1899. [B and M]
A tale of the rebellion of 1745 in the old Land, and of the siege of Louisbourg and Quebec.

**McNeil,** Everett. The shadow of the Iroquois. Montreal, Carrier, [1928] [M]
A story of Canada under Frontenac's rule.

**Parker,** (Sir) Gilbert. Seats of the mighty, the memoirs of Captain Robert Moray, some time an officer in the Virginia regiment and afterwards in Amherst's regiment. New York, Appleton, 1913. [B, M, and R]
A romance embodying the great struggle between the French and English, and culminating in the battle at Quebec.

**Patterson,** Burd Shippen. Head of iron. Pittsburg, Walker, 1908. [B]
Tells of Braddock's defeat and the taking of Fort Duquesne.

**Quiller-Couch,** (Sir) Arthur Thomas. Fort Amity. London, Murray, 1904. [B]
A story of the British reverse at Ticonderoga and the repulse of the Americans before Quebec.

**Richardson,** (Major) John. Wacousta; a tale of the Pontiac conspiracy. Chicago, McClurg, 1882. [B, M, and O]
Pontiac, chief of the Ottawas, schemed to combine the Indian tribes and drive back the English.

**Roberts,** Charles George Douglas. A sister to Evangeline; the story of Yvonne de Lamourie. New York, Silver, 1900. [B]
A story of the expulsion of the Acadians which aims to be fair to both sides.

# CHILDREN'S BOOKS OF THE HISTORICAL PERIOD, 1745-63

**Altsheler,** Joseph Alexander.

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| Hunters of the hills. | New | York, | Appleton, | 1916. | [N] |
| Lords of the wilds. | " | " | " | 1919. | " |
| Masters of the peaks. | " | " | " | 1918. | " |
| Rulers of the lakes. | " | " | " | 1917. | " |
| Shadow of the north | " | " | " | 1917. | " |
| Sun of Quebec. | " | " | " | 1919. | " |

Known as the French and Indian war series, and all dealing with that period.

**Altsheler,** Joseph Alexander. Soldier of Manhattan. New York, Appleton, 1897. [N]
Gives an account of the Seven Years' War in America, with a description of the battle of Ticonderoga, and Wolfe's victory.

**Brereton,** Frederick Sadlier. How Canada was won; a tale of Wolfe and Quebec. London, Blackie, 1908. [B]
Tells of the defence of Fort William Henry, the attack on Louisbourg, and the capture of Quebec.

**Ellis,** Edward Sylvester. Pontiac, chief of the Ottawas; a tale of the siege of Detroit. New York, Dutton, 1897. [B]
The siege of Detroit by Pontiac.

**Fox,** Alice. A regular madam. London, Macmillan, 1912. [B]
A view of the great struggle between the French and the English from the French viewpoint.

**Gordon,** William John. Englishman's haven; a tale of Louisbourg. New York, Appleton, 1892. [B, M, and O]
A tale of adventure by sea and land when Nova Scotia was a scene of intrigue.

**Henty,** George Alfred. With Wolfe in Canada; or the winning of a continent. New York, Scribner, 1886. [B]
Braddock's defeat, the massacre at Fort William Henry, Louisbourg, Ticonderoga, and the battle at Quebec.

**Kaler,** James Otis. Boys of 1745 at the capture of Louisbourg. Boston, Estes, 1898. [N and O]
The capture of Louisbourg in 1745.

**Munroe,** Kirk. At war with Pontiac; . . . New York, Scribner, 1895. [B]
The siege of Detroit by Pontiac.

**Oxley,** James Macdonald. Fife and drum at Louisbourg. Boston, Little, 1899. [B and N]
A tale dealing with the expedition to capture Louisbourg.

**Smith,** Mary Prudence Wells. The boy captives in Canada. Boston, Little, 1905. (The old Deerfield series). [B]
Tells of New England captives in the time of Vaudreuil.

**Strang,** Herbert and Lawrence, George. Roger the scout. London, Frowde, 1910. [N]
Covers the beginning of the Seven Years' War, the attack on Fort Duquesne, and the surrender of Vaudreuil.

**Stratemeyer,** Edward. At the fall of Montreal, or a soldier boy's final victory. Boston, Lothrop, 1905. [U]
The scaling of the heights of Quebec under General Wolfe and the Battle of the Plains of Abraham.

**Stratemeyer, Edward.** The fort in the wilderness, or the soldier boys of the Indian trails. Boston, Lothrop, 1905. [U and B]
The central figure of this story is Pontiac.

**Tomlinson,** Everett Titsworth. The fort in the forest. Boston, Wilde, 1904. [B]
The fall of Fort William Henry.

**Tomlinson,** Everett Titsworth. A soldier of the wilderness. Boston, Wilde, 1905. [B]
The fall of Fort Frontenac.

## AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS

**Cody,** Hiram Alfred. The King's arrow. Toronto, McLelland [c1927]. [M]
A tale of United Empire Loyalists.

**Lesperance,** John. The Bastonnais . . . Toronto, Belford, 1877. [M]
Tale of the American invasion of Canada in 1775-76.

**MacGillivray,** C. Holmes. The shadow of tradition; a tale of old Glengarry. Ottawa, Graphic, [n. d.]. [M]
A story of the United Empire Loyalists.

**McIlwraith,** Jean Newton. A Diana of Quebec. London, Elder, 1912. [B and N]
A romance at Quebec in 1782-87. Horatio Nelson as "Captain" makes love to the heroine.

## CHILDREN'S BOOKS, 1759

**Kaler,** James Otis. At the siege of Quebec. Philadelphia, 1897. [B and U]
Benedict Arnold's expedition from Maine to Quebec, and the attack on that city.

## THE WAR OF 1812-1814

**Campbell,** Wilfrid. A beautiful rebel; a romance of Upper Canada in 1812. New York, Doran, 1909. [B]
The American attack on Canada, and defeat at Queenston Heights.

**Crowley,** Mary Catherine. Love thrives in war; a romance of the frontier in 1812. Boston, Little, 1903. [B]
War of 1812-14.

**Elson,** John M. The scarlet sash. London, Dent, 1925. [N]
A novel of the period of the War of 1812 including the Battle of Queenston Heights.

**Snider,** Charles H. J. In the wake of the eighteen-twelvers . . . New York, Lane, 1913. [0]
War of 1812.

## REBELLION OF 1837

**Cooney,** Patrick Joseph. Kinsmen. New York, Doran, 1917. [R]
The Rebellion of 1837.

**Crowley,** Mary Catherine. In treaty with honour. Boston, Little, 1906. [N]
A tale of Quebec and Canada during the Rebellion of 1837.

**Parker,** (Sir) Gilbert. The pomp of the Lavilettes. New York, Appleton, 1897. [B]
Papineau's insurrection in Lower Canada.

**Wilson,** May. Forging the pikes. New York, Doran, 1920. [O]
The Rebellion of 1837 in Canada.

## FENIAN RAID AND NORTHWEST REBELLION

**Ballantyne,** Robert Michael. Red man's revenge. London, Nisbet, 1880. [B]
The Red River Rebellion.

**Barr,** Robert. In the midst of alarms. New York, Stokes, 1894. [B and U]
Canada at the time of the Fenian Raids.

**Cameron,** William Bleasdell. The war trail of Big Bear. London, Duckworth, 1926. [N]
A story dealing with the rebellion of the Wood Cree Indians in the Northwest Territories.

**Cody,** Hiram Alfred. Fighting-slogan. New York, Doran, 1926. [M and R]
Canada in 1865 when the disloyal Fenians went about stirring up strife against the English.

**Keith,** Marian. See, MacGregor, (Mrs.) Mary Esther Miller.

**MacGregor,** (Mrs.) Mary Esther Miller. A gentleman adventurer. New York, Doran, 1924. [N]
The Red River region at the time of Louis Riel's Rebellion.

**Mackie,** John. The prodigal's brother. London, Jarrold, 1899. [B]
A story of adventure and love in the Northwest Territories at the time of Louis Riel's Rebellion.

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